

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:252
ANSWERED ON:02.03.2005
STEEP INCREASE IN TOURIST VISA TO INDIA
Annayyagari Shri Sai Prathap

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been abnormal rise in the number of women especially from Central Asian Countries coming to India on tourist visa;
- (b) If so, the number of such tourists who came to India during the last three years, Year-wise; and
- (c) The reasons for such steep rise in tourists.

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

- (a) No. There has not been an abnormal rise in the number of women especially from Central Asian countries to India on tourist visa.
- (b) Number of tourists from Central Asian countries who came to India during 2000 - 2003 is given in the enclosed statement.
- (c) Does not arise.

Statement with reference to part (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.252 to be answered on 02.03.2005 regarding Steep Increase in Tourist Visa to India.

Country	2000	2001	2002	2003
Kazakhstan	1613	1452	1765	2350
Kyrgyzstan	489	323	530	540
Tajikistan	449	345	395	370
Turkmenistan	168	126	188	261
Uzbekistan	10934	2759	1421	1609

Total Arrivals from Central Asia 13653 5005 4299 5130